

Appl. No. : 10/659,797
Filed : September 11, 2003

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2005, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the above-captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following comments.

In the changes made by the current amendment, ~~deletions are shown by strikethrough~~, and additions are underlined.

Claims 1-7 and 11-17 are in prosecution.

The Examiner has rejected these claims and states that the Applicant has not explicitly claimed conductors physically extending through the same hole on the slab. It is respectfully submitted that no amendment is necessary to distinguish the claims over the prior art for the reasons expressed in the Response filed on June 27, 2005. However, for further clarification of the claimed subject matter in view of the Examiner's comments, each of the independent claims have been amended. Thus, Claim 1 defines, in paragraph "e," "a first secondary conductor physically extending through the same via hole . . . as said first primary conductor," (underlining added) and in paragraph "f," "a second secondary conductor physically extending through the same via hole . . . as said primary conductor" (underlining added).

Claim 2 (and dependent Claims 3-7) now recites in paragraph "c," "a plurality of secondary conductors respectively physically extending through the same via holes in which said primary conductor is extended" (underlining added).

Claims 11 and 12 now recite "a second conductor physically passing through said same holes" (underlining added).

Claim 13 (and dependent Claims 14-17) now recite in paragraph "e," "a first secondary conductor in said slab of ferromagnetic material physically extending through the same via hole as said first primary conductor" (underlining added), and in paragraph "f," "a second secondary conductor physically extending through the same via hole in said slab of ferromagnetic material as said second primary conductors" (underlining added).

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims and specification. Accordingly, early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is most earnestly solicited.

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The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the rejections in the case and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney, Louis J. Knobbe at (949) 721-2828 (direct line), to resolve such issue promptly.

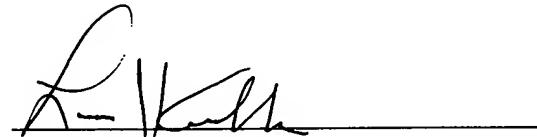
Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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